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GOVERNOR DECLARES MAY 10TH UTAH HEALTHCARE CONNECTIVITY DAY

Today Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the *Utah Healthcare Connectivity Day* declaration, celebrating the collaboration of Utah Healthcare providers in the initiation of a secure electronic health information exchange.

This celebration is happening 141 years from the day of historic joining of the transcontinental railroads linking the American people from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans at Promontory Point, Utah. Utah is pioneering the ability to improve the quality of care by making more complete patient information securely available to authorized providers. This statewide system is called the clinical Health Information Exchange (cHIE).

The cHIE gives providers the capacity to render more informed care and patients have more control over their information. When patient information is shared electronically, it is more secure. People who use the healthcare system frequently, such as those with chronic conditions, the elderly and patients who use emergency room services will greatly benefit.

“Every day, Utah providers make healthcare decisions and they may not have access to complete patient information. This information is often scattered among different healthcare organizations,” commented Jan Root, PhD, President of UHIN. Scattered information contributes to medical errors, causes unnecessary or repeated laboratory and radiology tests, reduces the accuracy of diagnoses and wastes providers’ time.”

The Institute of Medicine estimates that medical errors cause up to 98,000 deaths and 1.5 million injuries across the country each year. In Utah, this means that deaths and injuries from medical errors could be reduced by using this system.

The Utah Health Information Network (UHIN), a Utah not-for-profit company with 17 years of experience in health information exchange, has been chosen to operate the cHIE.

The community's choice for providing advanced clinical networking solutions for the cHIE project is Axolotl Corporation. Axolotl is a North-American leader of browser-based products and services for secure health information exchange and management and is located in San Jose, CA.

UHN is proud to promote those organizations who have stepped forward to be the initial participants in the clinical Health Information Exchange (listed alphabetically).

The entities exchanging data are:

Allen Memorial Hospital	Logan Regional Hospital
Bear River Valley Hospital	Pioneer Valley Hospital (Campus of Jordan Valley Medical Center)
Brigham City Community Hospital	Salt Lake Regional Medical Center
Central Utah Clinic	University of Utah Health Care
Davis Hospital & Medical Center	Utah Department of Health
Jordan Valley Medical Center	

Sites actively pursuing a connection are:

Ashley Regional Medical Center	Kane County Hospital
Beaver Valley Hospital	Milford Valley Memorial Hospital
Cache Valley Specialty Hospital	Tanner Clinic
Central Valley Medical Center	Uintah Basin Medical Center
Gunnison Valley Hospital	

Organizations collaborating with UHN are:

Utah Hospital Association	Utah Medicaid
Utah Medical Association	Molina
Association of Utah Community Health Centers	Public Employees Health Program
Altius	Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah
Desert Mutual Benefit Administrators	SelectHealth
Educators Mutual Insurance Association	University of Utah Health Plans
	Valley Mental Health

Electronic medical records vendors pursuing a connection with the exchange are:

CaduRx, Inc.	Greenway Medical Technologies
ChartLogic, Inc.	MDTotal
DoctorsPartner	MedUnity, Inc.
eClinicalWorks	NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, Inc.
e-MDs	RedPLANET
GE Healthcare	Sage

UHN Board Member, Scott Williams, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Mountain Division of HCA stated, "Imagine walking into an emergency department or a new physician office and allowing them to immediately retrieve your medical records, from various sources, through a secure and private network. This has the potential to improve healthcare services much like ATM improved the banking services. It's that significant."

To learn more about the cHIE, go to www.uhin.org/cHIE